



Town of Fairfax
Select Board Meeting
November 18, 2019 – 7:00pm

The drafted minutes presented below are unapproved subject to corrections and/or additions at the next Selectboard meeting. Those corrections and/or additions will be written to an amended version of the minutes, which will also be made available to the public.

Selectboard Members Present: Steve Cormier; Chair, Randy DeVine; Vice-Chair, Stephen Bessette and Duane Leach.

Public Present: Matt Burstein, Chris Cota, Brian Davison and Tim Nulty and Robert Revoir

Employees Present: Brad Docheff (Town Manager), Deb Woodward

Call to Order: S. Cormier called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Announcements/Additions: Additions:

Minutes

11-4-19 S. Bessette made the motion to accept the minutes with one spelling correction, seconded by Duane, all in favor.

Accounts Payable & Payroll Warrants:

11-12-19 The Town and Utility warrants were reviewed by S. Bessette.

11-18-19 The Town and Utility warrants were reviewed by S. Cormier.

Public Comment: None

Correspondence:

LNP/Paige Estates, #3 and #5 Final approval permits were signed by the board.

Budget Meeting Schedule: The first meeting will be Tuesday November 26th at 6:00.

Health Insurance Plan: Tabled until all board members are present.

Future Topic Planning: For 2020: What ideas and topics are important to the board to schedule out in the future for SB meetings? Top concerns are 2nd Water Source, Crosswalk, Sidewalks phase 2 & 3, expanded broadband coverage and 100 Acre Woods.

Town Manager Updates:

Brad attended the VTCMA conference in Norwich, VT Nov. 7th and 8th. There were good sessions about SB and department relations as well as highway dept. trainings, and implicit bias. Future topic planning also came from this conference. There was also a great presentation on maximizing the impact of a community newsletter.

Town Report, a contract with Repro VT has been signed for 2-years.

There will be an Ordinance enforcement training, with Trevor Whipple on Dec. 4th in Montpelier, if you wish to attend please let Brad know so we can get signed up.

1st Payment for Fairfax Rescue, will be forthcoming on December 1st.

Other Business:

Brad met with Mike Casella and Brianna Schneider from Casella earlier this week. They explored different options for service with the expected incoming contract. Casella has been a good partner and is willing to work with the Town to find the most cost effective and sensible service plan. Brad will continue to negotiate finer points of a future contract.

Verizon Land Lease, the board advised Brad to consult with legal counsel on the aspects of the proposed land lease. S. Cormier stressed that a decision has not been made but it is important to what a contract would look like before a decision can be made. S. Bessette is recusing himself from all discussion and decisions on this topic for personal reasons.

Robert Revoir again stressed what an impact this is having on individual tax payers and urged the board to decline the proposal.

Alter from Agenda: Tim Nulty and Brian Davison from Mansfield Community Fiber spoke about their intentions to expand their fiber network into Fairfax. They are currently working to provide service to Fletcher residents and plan to continue into Fairfax. Mr. Nulty wanted to speak with the board about potential cooperation or public funding to extend the service outside of the planned area. The board listened to the presentation and will take under advisement in the future.

Adjournment:

At 8:10 S. Bessette made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Duane, all in favor.

The minutes were respectfully submitted by Amy Sears; Administrative Assistant.

Steven Cormier
Selectboard Chair

**** The recorded meeting is available through LCATV or the Town's website. ***